GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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REVENUE GENERATION IN ZONAL RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering any proposal for ploughing back surplus revenue generated in each zonal railway into the same zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to make each zonal railway profitable centre?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Funds are allotted to Zonal Railways on the basis of approved Plan outlays for specific projects/schemes, duly taking into account overall availability of resources and developmental needs of the railway network as a whole. Ploughing back surplus revenue generated in each Zonal Railway into the same zone will aggravate imbalances in development of the railway network.

(d) The performance of the Zonal Railways is dependanton the traffic arising, geographical terrain and spread, on which often little or no control is available with the Zonal Railways.

The steps taken by Railways to improve profitability include :-

i) measures to control expenditure by improving staff productivity, asset utilization, inventory management, fuel consumption, austerity in areas such as travel, publicity, hospitality etc.

ii) for improving earnings, aggressive marketing with improved freight services and commercial incentives.

iii) all out efforts to curb leakage of revenues and pilferages.